

GERMANS TAKE KOVNO FORTRESS

Strategic Point Commanding River Niemen Captured, with Large Quantity of Material.

THREATENS RUSSIAN RIGHT

BERLIN, Aug. 18.—(Via Wireless to Sayville.)—The following announcement was made here officially today:

"The fortress of Kovno, together with all the forts and an amount of war material, which has not been determined, has been in German hands since last night.

"More than 400 cannon were taken. The fortress was captured by storm in spite of the most tenacious resistance by the Russians."

Military experts have agreed that the loss of the fortress of Kovno would be a serious blow to the Russians. The critic of the London Times, in an article published this morning, says:

"If the enemy succeeds in reducing Kovno and is thereby able to cross the Niemen, they will be in the rear of the Russian line north of the events, and with the junction of the two wings of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army the position of the Russian right flank will be very difficult."

The official German statement of yesterday announced the capture of forts on the front of Kovno, with 4,000 prisoners and 240 guns.

This was interpreted as foreshadowing the fall of the fortress proper, but its accomplishment so speedily was hardly expected. The famous German general, Field Marshal von Hindenburg, personally took command of the army attacking Kovno. Command of Germany's national army for this task indicated the importance attached to it by the German general staff.

Kovno, capital of the Russian province of the same name, is on the right bank of the Niemen. It is a fortress of the first class. The civilian population of the city is more than 75,000.

The capture of Kovno probably will result in welding the northern and central Teutonic forces into a consolidated line from the Baltic provinces to Galicia. Kovno is a unit of a line of fortresses running from the Niemen south and east, connected by railroad. On this line are Grodno, Brest-Litovsk and Lutsk.

The capture of Kovno raises the question whether the Russians will be able to retain this line, or whether they will again be compelled to make a general retreat.

Retention of the remaining positions on this front might expose the Russians to a flanking movement. The rapidity of the German advance since the fall of Warsaw on August 5 is indicated by the fact that they are within thirteen miles of Brest-Litovsk, which lies about 115 miles east of the captured Polish capital. The line to which they may now be compelled to fall back is about 200 miles east of Warsaw.

Kovno is 500 miles southwest of Petrograd, the possibility of an advance against which is now being considered in Russia and England.

SCORES OF LIVES LOST IN TEXAS FLOOD DISTRICT

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tered on the transports Kilpatrick and Buford.

Waves Sweep Through Texas City

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—The latest dispatch sent from Texas City this morning by Major General Bell said:

"Violent wind and rain, greatly increased after filing first message yesterday evening, reaching culmination at about midnight. Tidal waves and flood water combined rose to an average height of three to five feet throughout Texas City and the surrounding country. All camps are a total loss, including wooden structures. Not a vestige is left."

The dispatch continued: "All public and private property in camp is almost a total loss except animals, transportation and ordnance equipment. A few animals and considerable harness were lost. Property of every description is scattered throughout the city. Floating wreckage is piled up in the streets. Violence of the wind was such that many craft of considerable size were blown and floated into the city near the bay shore.

Command Greatly Agitated

"The command was greatly scattered, seeking shelter during the night. The storm still is too violent to accomplish anything this morning except the rescue of women and children and search for dead and injured. Temporary hospital was established in the Southern hotel yesterday. Most of the dead and injured were discovered and cared for last night.

"The most substantial business houses and residences, and some were destroyed. A considerable number of small frame buildings were blown down and floated in street. Some were blown off of foundations. All temporary wooden buildings were wrecked. Division headquarters, stores and property are a total loss.

"The depot quartermaster's Texas City branch store house was unroofed. Property and supplies were soaked, but are mostly unuseable. Small bridges are gone; roads generally are impassable. All railroads, telephone and telegraph lines temporarily are out of commission. No communication with the outside; nothing heard from Galveston. A number of people are homeless and without food, but the visible supply probably will last until it can be replenished from Houston. Am furnishing food and succor to needy regardless of their status. There is no immediate need of outside assistance."

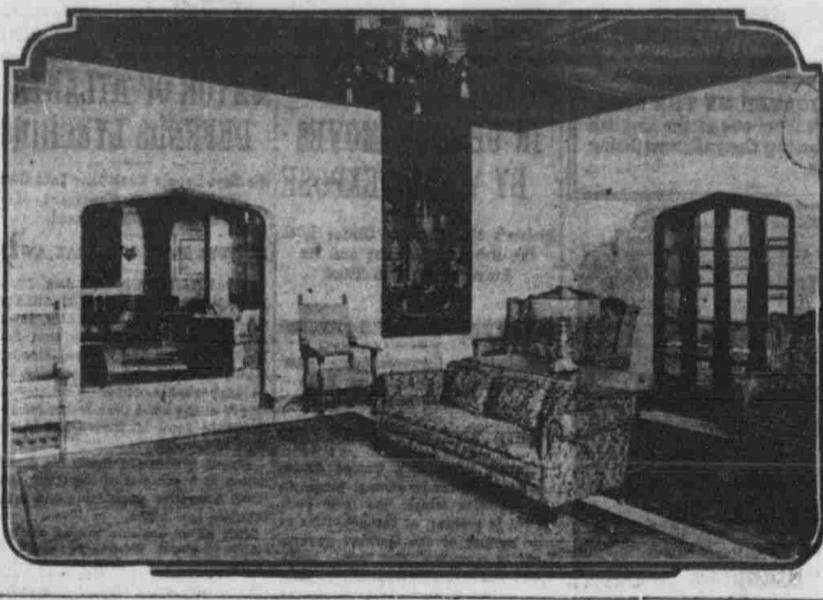
Camp Is Flooded

Another dispatch, started from Texas City last night at 7:50 said:

"A violent tropical storm with wind and rain has been in progress here since noon. Wind from the northeast at eighty-five to 100 miles per hour, has backed up water in the bay. Camp is flooded and has been abandoned for safety. Electric light systems out of commission. Darkness renders an estimate of the damage impossible until the storm subsides. Some injuries, but no deaths yet reported. Galveston not definitely heard from, but assumed the Twenty-seventh infantry, camped on low ground, has abandoned its camp and moved.

"Quite a number not yet listed are believed to be missing."

Interior at New Home of University Club



jured, some painfully, but none seriously. Only one civilian is reported dead. All injured being cared for in our hospital. Much discomfort, but no serious suffering.

"Only serious menace to health is lack of water. Large sanitary force already organized and at work. Troops now securing shelter. No serious suffering. Temperature mild."

Big Die in Galveston

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—(Via Railroad Wire.)—So far as known in Galveston only six lives were lost in the tropical storm in Galveston proper, according to a staff correspondent of a Houston newspaper who returned here after a perilous trip to the island city. He says undoubtedly several lives were lost in outlying districts, but as ample warning had been given a large proportion of the inhabitants had found places of safety.

A relief party, which returned here late today from Virginia Point, between here and Galveston, reports between twenty-five and thirty deaths at that point. Several bodies have been recovered. One hundred persons are marooned without food on Red Fish bar near Virginia Point.

Ship Against Wall

A three-masted schooner is lying against the sea wall in front of Hotel Galvez. Two large barges broke from their moorings during the storm and scattered off the center of the causeway connecting Galveston with the mainland, while the approaches at each end of the causeway are badly damaged.

Captain Duno of the tug Samboles also arrived here from Galveston today. He said the death toll in Galveston and vicinity may reach several hundred, although comparatively few persons were killed in the city proper.

Messages Confused

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Aug. 18.—It is believed in army circles here that the Washington wireless has in some manner confused messages from the Buford saying the camp at Fort Crockett was completely wiped out, and taken it to mean the camp at Texas City. The wireless at Fort Sam Houston, the strongest in the country outside of Arlington, did not receive the message, although it has been tuned in with Galveston ever since the storm began.

Seven Drown

TEMPLE, Tex., Aug. 18.—Seven persons were drowned at Hitchcock, Tex., a small town just north of Galveston, it was announced at Acheson, Topock & Santa Fe railroad division headquarters here today. The water is standing three feet over the railroad tracks at Hitchcock and the entire vicinity is flooded. Wire communication over the railroad line was established with Hitchcock this morning.

EARLY REPORTS OF STORM

Scores of Lives Reported Lost in Texas.

DALLAS, Tex., Aug. 18.—Scores of lives were lost and millions of dollars' worth of property was destroyed in the West Indian hurricane that swept the Texas coast yesterday and the day before, according to information received today from the stricken districts which have been cut off from wire communication with the outside world. Before noon the total number of dead reported was nearly a hundred, with no definite news out of Galveston, which city is believed to have been hardest hit.

GALVESTON LOSS IS ENORMOUS

Great Elevators and Many Other Buildings Are Destroyed.

HOUSTON, Tex., Aug. 18.—(Via Temple and Telephone to Dallas.)—The Houston Chronicle prints the following interview with J. R. Montgomery, a Houston correspondent of the Galveston News, who got as far as Virginia Point, the north end of the Causeway, Wednesday, and viewed the wrecked city of Galveston:

"I am confident the number of dead in Galveston is large. I could not see an elevator on the port side of the city and my opinion is that the number of buildings destroyed will run into the thousands. I believe the property loss will be greater than that of 1902."

Montgomery made his way to the drawbridge of the Galveston causeway and, owing to the fact that this structure was swept away, he was forced to return to Houston. The map made the trip in an automobile.

"We encountered indescribable conditions," he said. "The road bridges at Clear Creek and Dickinson were washed out and we ran our automobile over the railroad bridges and across the sea."

"We saw thousands of bales of cotton on the prairies all the way from Virginia point, (the mainland end of the Galveston causeway), to the town of La Marque, far inland. These were washed from Galveston docks by the great tidal waves.

"The water must have been several feet over the causeway and serious damage must have been done to it by the washing out of large quantities of fillings in the center."

The Chronicle also reported that it received information that fifty persons are dead at Texas City, but accounts for only twelve buildings that perished when the Thompson building at Texas City collapsed. It is said these were all private soldiers, no commissioned officers having lost their lives.

The railroad drawbridge has been

washed away at Seabrook, about twenty miles from Houston. Three persons are reported to have lost their lives at that point.

Mr. Montgomery described conditions along the prairie similar to those that obtained in the 1902 storm.

"We saw thousands of dead animals along the way," he said.

He said they could see the buildings at Fort Crockett and all seemed undamaged. He could recognize some of the tall buildings in the city which he was familiar, but was most impressed with the gravity of the situation by the fact that the grain elevators were gone.

EIGHT BODIES WASHED ASHORE

Dead Found on Beach at Texas City Probably from Galveston.

AUSTIN, Aug. 18.—According to the Houston Post story of conditions at Texas City, based on an interview with E. V. Rhodes, who brought the Texas City appeal for aid to Houston, the bodies of eight women were found washed ashore at Texas City Tuesday. These bodies are supposed to have come from Galveston. In 1902 many bodies from Galveston were washed up on Texas City.

Damage which will run into millions of dollars has been done to the cotton crop in Texas by the storms of Monday and Tuesday. Reports from towns in central Texas say that cotton open in the bolls was blown out of the bolls and was beaten into the ground by the heavy rains.

It is estimated that 50 per cent of all the cotton in this section was open and that from one-fourth to one-half of the open cotton was lost. On this calculation the damage will be from 15 to 25 per cent of the entire cotton crop of central Texas.

The first editions of the Houston papers to reach Austin since the storm of Monday night arrived today. Their information as to conditions at Galveston is not complete, as neither the Chronicle nor the Post had been able to get a man into Galveston.

Seabrook is said by both papers to have been practically annihilated so far as houses are concerned.

The Houston Post carries an appeal from H. R. Moore for food and supplies for the civilian population at Texas City to be sent to Major General J. Franklin Bell, U. S. A., who is commanding at Texas City.

Because of damage to property at Houston, twenty special officers were sworn in and every one on the streets after 9:30 o'clock Tuesday night was forced to give a good account of himself, according to both papers. A relief committee met in Houston Tuesday and arranged to send a boat of supplies to Galveston.

At Kemah, on the coast, only one house has been left standing, according to Frank Annelle of Seabrook, who escaped to Houston.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone company's loss at Houston is estimated at \$100,000. Practically every big establishment in Houston reports damage. The Houston Post declares there have been two deaths in Houston—a negro who encountered a live wire, and a carpenter whose barn fell on him.

The Post reports ten houses down at Bellair and two persons injured.

MANY DEAD AT TEXAS CITY

Soldiers Killed by Collapse of Buildings and Civilians Drowned.

WACO, Tex., Aug. 18.—A copy of the sixth edition of the Houston Chronicle of Tuesday says:

"Twelve soldiers were killed at Texas City during last night's storm, when the Thompson building, a new three-story structure, collapsed. Eight were killed by falling brick, while four drowned later. About thirty or forty civilians, many of them women and children, also lost their lives.

"Those killed were enlisted men.

"Military rule has been established at Texas City and the soldiers are fishing corpses out of the water as fast as they can be located.

"The first rumor to reach Houston was that between 200 and 250 soldiers were drowned, but this report was denied by A. H. Doty and T. J. Moran, who reached Houston late Tuesday afternoon, making a trip to Texas City in an automobile on the railroad track. They said only twelve soldiers lost their lives and perhaps three times as many were injured."

WATER EXTENDS TO HITCHCOCK

Flood Three Miles Further Inland Than During 1902 Storm.

CHICAGO, Aug. 18.—W. E. Maroon, general superintendent of the Acheson, Topock & Santa Fe at Galveston, telegraphed the general offices here from Hitchcock, Tex., seventeen miles north of Galveston, today, stating that the water extended to Hitchcock, and at certain points it was three miles further inland than in the disastrous flood of 1902.

"I understand," Mr. Maroon telegraphed, "that the citizens of Galveston had twenty-four hours warning to move to the business section of the city and hope this was done, although grave fears are felt."

"Rescuers at Hitchcock have recovered the bodies of seven drowned persons and cared for several injured.

"Small towns between Wallis and the

coast have suffered severely.

"We left Alvin at 3 o'clock in the morning with a relief train, but were stopped by the waters at Hitchcock. From Hitchcock to Galveston, the track apparently is under water. The Hitchcock yards were under water, and bales of cotton, lumber and other debris were floating about. At 3 o'clock this morning the water was five feet over the highest stage at Hitchcock.

"At the height of the storm the wind, which was accompanied by a heavy rain, was so strong that a man could not stand against it.

"A marine pile driver is reported to have pounded against the causeway and damaged the slope, but the report is not confirmed. The storm is still raging, but not so severely as at first."

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Aberdeen Remains Upon the Dry List

PIERRE, S. D., Aug. 18.—(Special Telegram.)—That Aberdeen remains in the dry list by a majority of one is the decree of the supreme court in its affirming the lower court of Brown county, in the case of A. L. Ward et al. against C. C. Fletcher et al.

The issue was one of counting disputed ballots and the supreme court finds that thirty-seven votes were erroneously counted in the affirmative and forty-five erroneously counted in the negative, and with a negative majority of nine shown, the change leaves just one majority against license for the second largest city in the state.

Munitions Plant Machinists Want Eight-Hour Day

NEW YORK, Aug. 18.—J. J. Keppeler, vice president of the International Association of Machinists, said today that he would urge at the executive board meeting of the association there today an immediate national strike, in all arms and ammunition plants, which have refused to grant an eight-hour day.

Mr. Keppeler said he had been forced to take this stand because of what he termed "open hostility of the National Metal Trades' association," which, he asserted, had several times gone out of its way to prevent private settlements between the union and the shops. Keppeler also declared insinuations that foreign influences were brought to bear in many of the machinists' strikes was another ground for this move.

"I have also been hurried into this decision for a national strike," Keppeler said, "because of the insinuations that German influences are back of us. That is just propaganda to hurt our cause, and we will show that such insinuations cannot hurt us. The machinists will allow nothing to stand in the way of their eight-hour movement."

WASHINGTON, Aug. 18.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, issued a statement last night expressing the opinion that a diligent inquiry should be made of charges published by the New York World that German agents in the United States, with the approval of high officials of the German government, have been fomenting labor troubles in plants making war supplies for the allies.

Mr. Gompers reiterated his recent assertion that attempts had been made to involve him in schemes to call strikes. He said that an inquiry would be fruitful of results if directed at efforts to corruptly bring about strikes among longshoremen and seamen.

British, Norwegian and Spanish Ships Sunk by Germans

LONDON, Aug. 18.—The British steamer Bonny of 2,702 tons gross, and the Spanish steamer Isidoro, 2,044 tons gross, have been sunk. Twenty-one of the crew of the former vessel and eight of the latter were picked up.

The trawler George also was sunk. Its crew was saved.

The Norwegian steamers Romulus and Mineral have been sunk. The crews were saved.

The Mineral, a vessel of 549 tons gross, was built in 1880 and was owned in Narvik. The Romulus, of 820 tons gross, was built in 1913 and hailed from Kragero.

Receiver Named for Ship Combine

TRENTON, N. J., Aug. 18.—A receiver was appointed for the International Mercantile Marine company, a New Jersey corporation, by Vice Chancellor Bakes in the court of chancery today.

Chauncey G. Parker of Newark is the receiver. Counsel for the company admitted the allegations of insolvency. The application for a receiver was made by Emerson E. Parvin of Plainfield, N. J., a stockholder.



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Major Wallace Accidentally Shot

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Aug. 18.—Major William Wallace of the Ninth Infantry, United States army, was shot and seriously wounded at the camp of the National Guard of West Virginia here last night, when a revolver was accidentally discharged inside of a tent just as he was passing. The bullet cut off two fingers of his left hand and passed through both legs near the thigh.

Negroes Lynched for Poisoning Mules

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Aug. 18.—Kid Jackson and Henry Russell, negroes, were lynched early today at Hope Hill, ten miles from here. Another negro, whose name has not been learned, was rescued from the mob, but died at a hospital. The negroes were charged with poisoning mules on a plantation several months ago.

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